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St. Marys River to Au Sable Point

(NOAA Chart 14962)

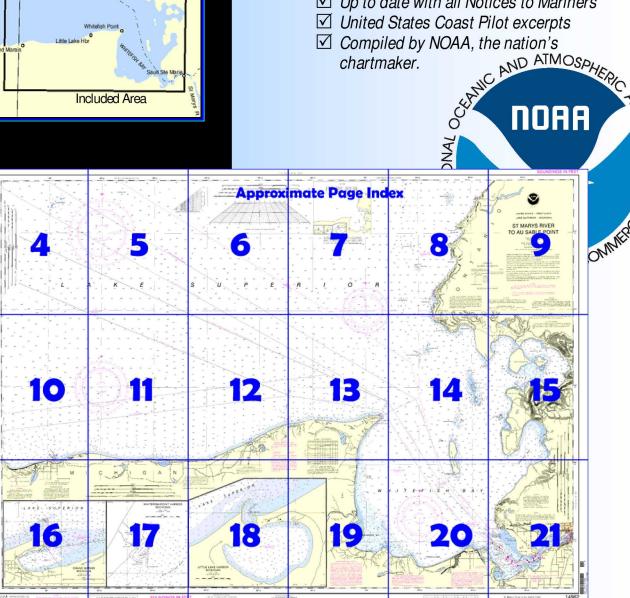


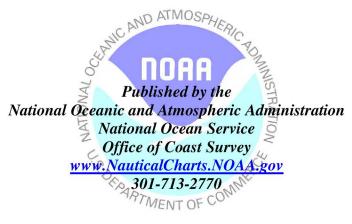
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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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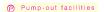
[Coast Pilot 6, Chapter 13 excerpts]

(58) Whitefish Bay is a large deep bay in the SE corner of Lake Superior in the approach to the head of St. Marys River. Point Iroquois (46°29.0'N., 84°38.0'W.), marked by an abandoned lighthouse, is on the SE side of the bay on the W side of the entrance to St. Marys River. Nodoway Point is 2.2 miles W of Point Iroquois. Mission Hill is a prominent 400-foot hill between the points. A rocky ledge, marked on the NE side by a buoy, extends about 2 miles N from Nodoway Point.

(59) From Nodoway Point, the S shore of Whitefish Bay extends 7.5 miles SW to the mouth of **Pendills Creek**, thence NW for 2.7 miles to **Salt Point. Pendills Bay** is the bight formed between the points. Shoals extend about 0.4 mile offshore in the E part of the bay and increase to 1 mile offshore NW of Pendills Creek.

- (60) From Salt Point W for 3.8 miles to Naomikong Point, shoals extend 2 miles from shore, and thence the shoal limit extends NW across the mouth of Tahquamenon Bay. **Naomikong Point**, and **Menekaunee Point** close W, form the S entrance point of **Tahquamenon Bay**, the SW part of Whitefish Bay. A rocky ledge with depths less than 6 feet extends 1 mile N from Naomikong Point, and a 4-foot spot is 0.5 mile E of the point.
- (61) **Tahquamenon River** flows into the W side of Whitefish Bay just N of the N entrance point to Tahquamenon Bay. A shoal with depths of 2 feet extends from the mouth of the river S for about 3.5 miles into Tahquamenon Bay. The entrance to the river is shoal and should be approached with care. In 1981, the channel across the bar had a controlling depth of 2 feet. The river is navigable by small boats for about 16 miles. In 1963, the least depth in this stretch was 3 feet. A launching ramp is on the S side of the river mouth. Fuel is available nearby.
- (62) From the Tahquamenon River N for 15.5 miles to Whitefish Point, the shoal border decreases in width from 2.7 miles to about 0.2 mile. Ruins of two abandoned docks extend offshore at the mouth of **Shelldrake River**, 8.5 miles N of Tahquamenon River.
- (63) **Whitefish Point Harbor**, entirely artificial, is on the NW side of Whitefish Bay about 1 mile SW of the tip of Whitefish Point. The harbor, protected by breakwaters on the N, S, and E sides, serves as a harbor of refuge for shallow-draft vessels.
- (65) Transient berths for craft to 60 feet, and a launching ramp are available at a facility developed by the Michigan State Waterways Commission at the N end of the basin. Gasoline and water are available at a fishery dock on the W side of the basin.
- (66) **Whitefish Point,** on the W side of the entrance to Whitefish Bay, has sandhills and some trees. In 1978, it was reported that the point was a poor radar target. **Whitefish Point Light** (46°46.3'N., 84°57.4'W.), 80 feet above the water, is shown from a white cylindrical tower on the point; a radar beacon (Racon) is at the light.
- (67) From Whitefish Point WSW for 20 miles to Little Lake Harbor, the shore is sandy, wooded inshore, and generally bold. Shoals extend about 0.5 mile from shore. None of the rivers which empty into the lake in this stretch are navigable.
- (68) An abandoned lighthouse at **Crisp Point** and the buildings at the abandoned Coast Guard station at Vermilion, 4.5 miles E of Crisp Point, are good landmarks.
- (69) **Little Lake Harbor**, 20 miles W of Whitefish Point, is the only harbor of refuge in the 49-mile stretch between that point and Grand Marais. **Little Lake**, oval in shape, about 0.5 mile long and 0.3 mile wide, is separated from Lake Superior for most of its length by a low sand ridge and by higher bluffs along the remainder. The lake has depths of 18 feet and more with good water close to shore.
- (71) Boat operators using the harbor are cautioned to use care in navigating the entrance area, and are advised that storm action may cause additional shoaling.
- (72) A T-shaped dock developed by the Michigan State Waterways Commission is on the NE side of Little Lake. In July 1981, depths at the face of the dock were 6 to 7 feet. Transient berths, gasoline, water, and electricity are available. Other services are very limited because of the isolated location of the harbor.
- (74) **Grand Marais, Mich**, is a village and small-craft harbor in **West Bay**, 29 miles W of Little Lake Harbor. It is an important harbor of refuge, being the only harbor of any kind along the dangerous 65-mile stretch of shore between Little Lake and Grand Island. West Bay has depths over 18 feet for a length of 1.3 miles and a width of 0.3 mile. The bay is separated from Lake Superior at the W end by a low sand ridge and at the E end by a shallow sandspit. The natural entrance to the bay, across the spit, has been closed by a pile dike. The dike is reinforced with riprap, but in 1981, it was in ruins and was not visible above the water.

Numerous submerged piles at the dike are a hazard to any craft. (79) **Grand Marais Coast Guard Station**, operated on weekends during the boating season, is on the W side of the entrance channel.



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CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners. During some winter months or when endan-gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

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The horizontal reference datum of this chart
is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which
for charting purposes is considered equivalent
to the World Geodatic System 1984 (WGS 84).
Geographic positions referred to the North
American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an
average of 0.052° northward and 0.276° westward
to agree with this chart.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

CAUTION

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Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial

broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:

⊙(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine

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Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub-marine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, draggling, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or



Vessel Traffic calling-in point with numbers; arrow indicates direction of movement.

Low Water Datum, which is the plane of reference for the levels shown on the above hydrograph, is also the plane of reference for the charted depths. If the lake level is above or below Low Water Datum, the existing depths are correspondingly greater or lesser than the charted depths.

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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 6. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 9th Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Detroit Mobilism

Detroit, Michigan.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAM Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Sault Ste Marie, MI KIG-74 162.55 MHz (Channel WX-1)

Table of Selected Chart Notes

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

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Michigan waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior, Erie
and St. Clair, all waterways connected thereto, and all
inland lakes are designated as a No-Discharge Zone
(NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels
operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely
prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or
untreated, into the waters. Commercial vessel sewage shall
include graywater. All vessels with an installed marine
sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored,
anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD
disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage
(treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations
for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot.
Additional information concerning the regulations and
requirements may be obtained from the Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/
owow/oceans/vessel_sewage/vsdnozone.html.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

CAUTION

POTABLE WATER INTAKE

Vessels operating in fresh water lakes or rivers shall not discharge sewage, or ballast, or bilge water within such areas adjacent to domestic water intakes as are designated by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 1250.93). Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

CAUTION

Due to periodic high water conditions in the Great Lakes, some features charted as visible at Low Water Datum may be submerged, particularly in the near shore areas. Mariners should proceed with caution.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

NOTE D

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted stakes and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the area of this chart. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

NOTE B

The channel legend reflects the Corps of Engineers project depth. The Corps of Engineers publishes the controlling depth periodically in the U. S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners. For further information on channel depths, direct inquiries to the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Detroit, Michigan.

Sailing courses and limits indicated in magenta are recommended by the Lake Carriers Association and the Canadian Shipowners Association.

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for details.

CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner.

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

NOTES

PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum).... Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).

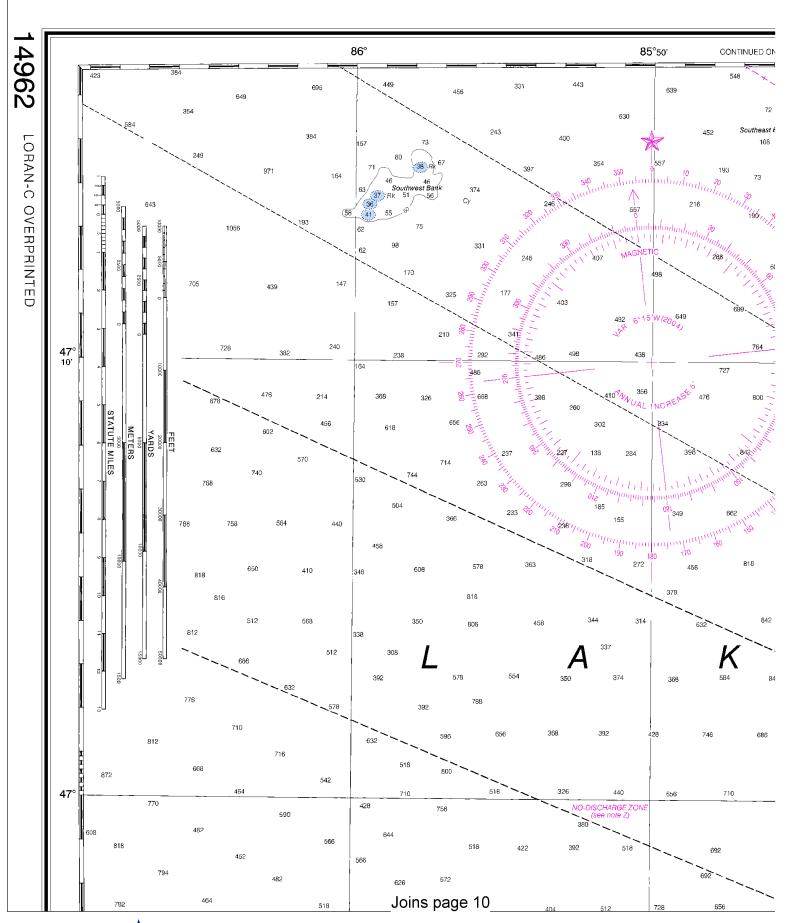
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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations

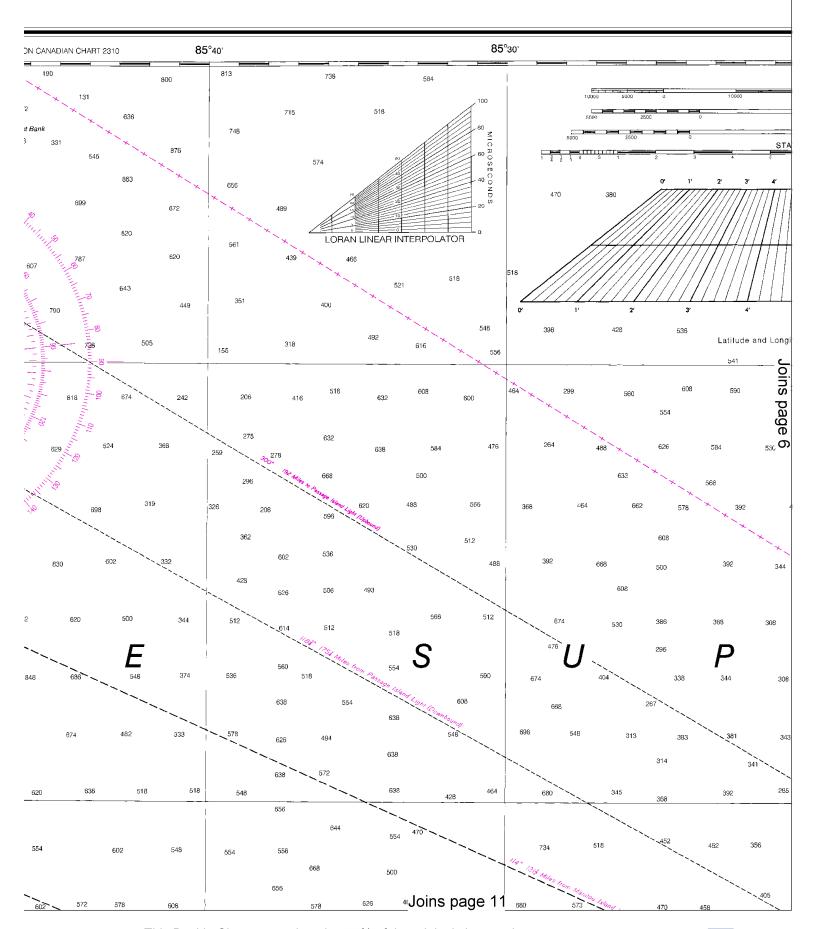
BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

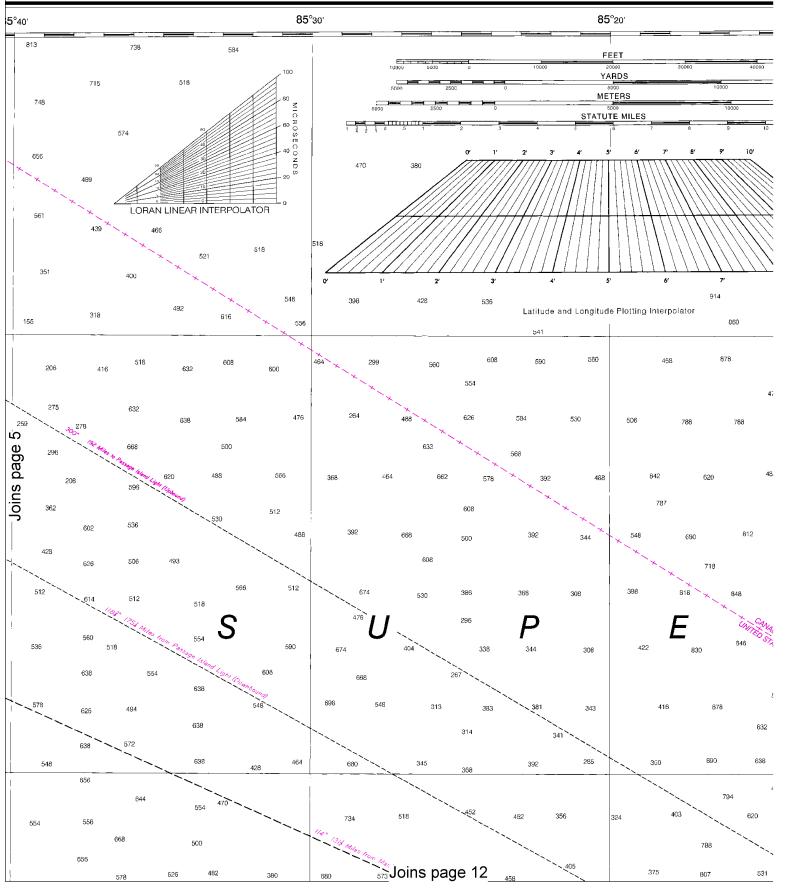
SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.



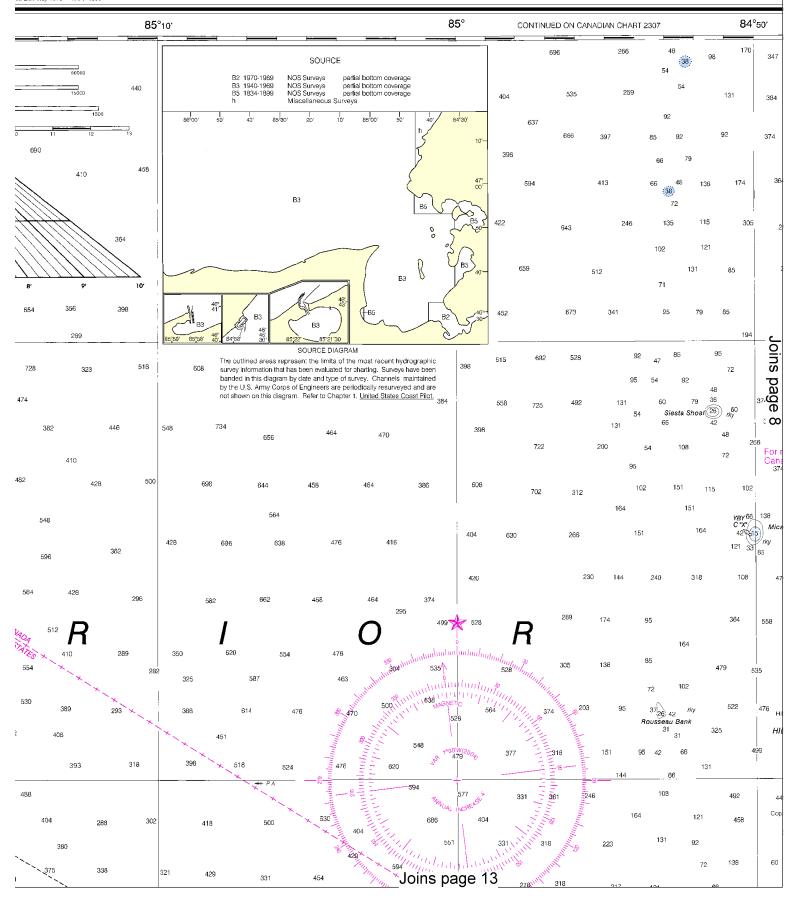




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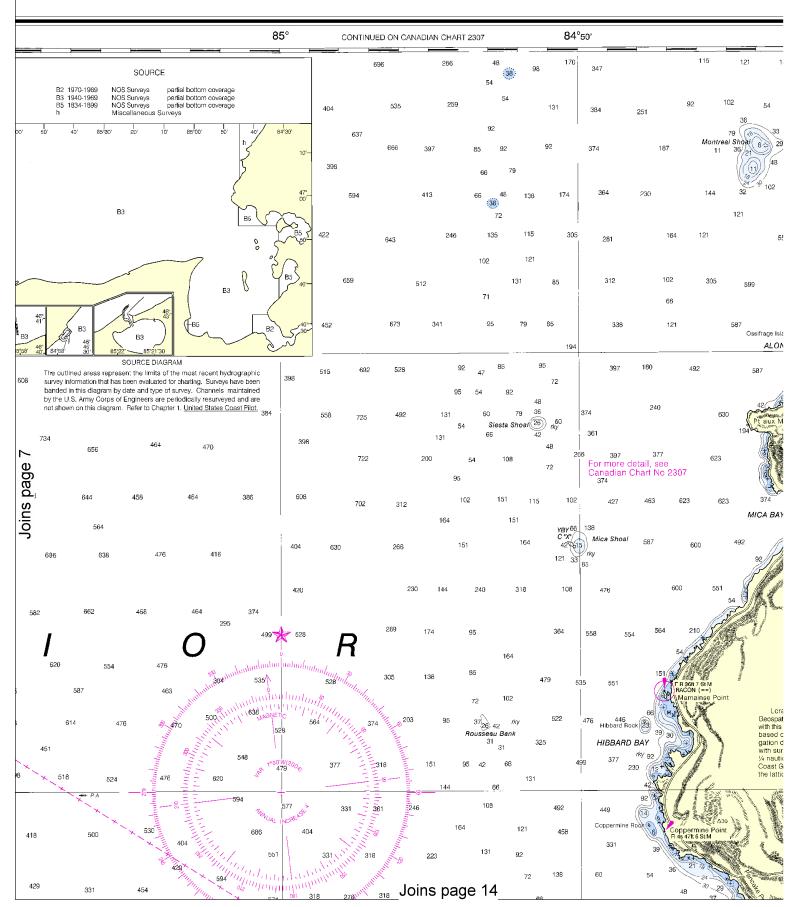




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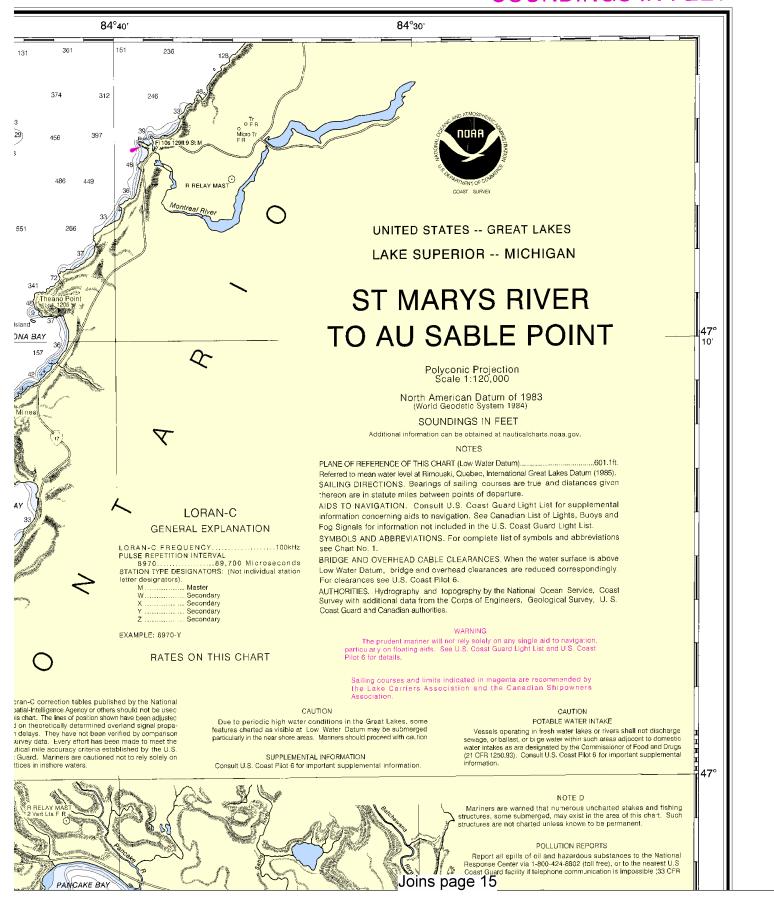
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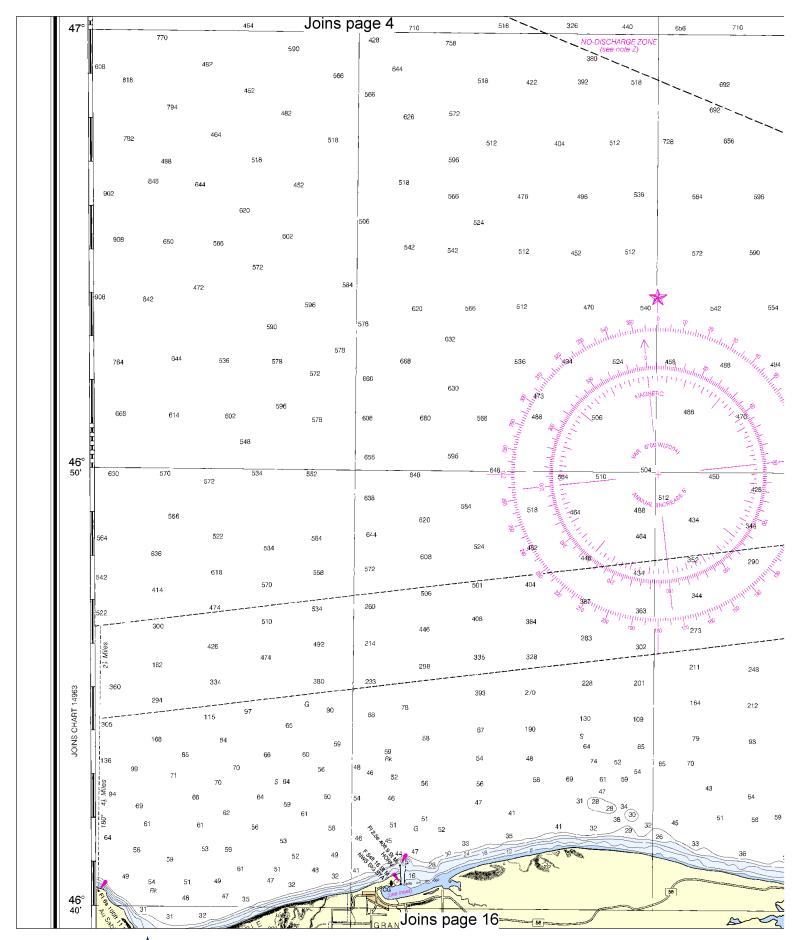






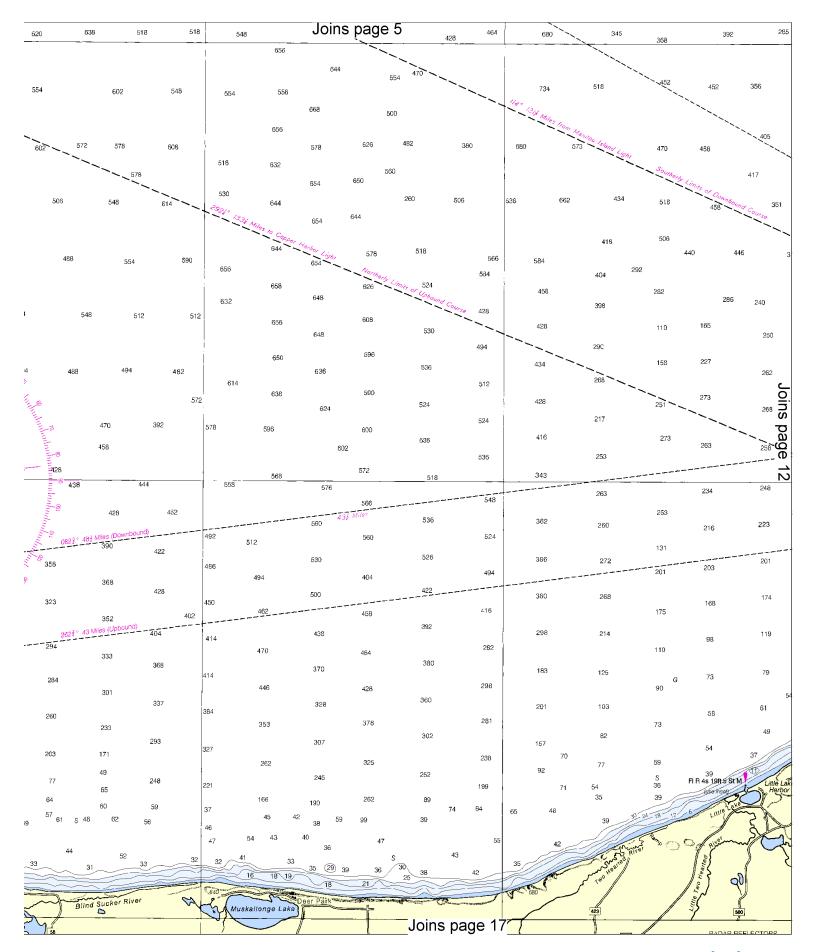
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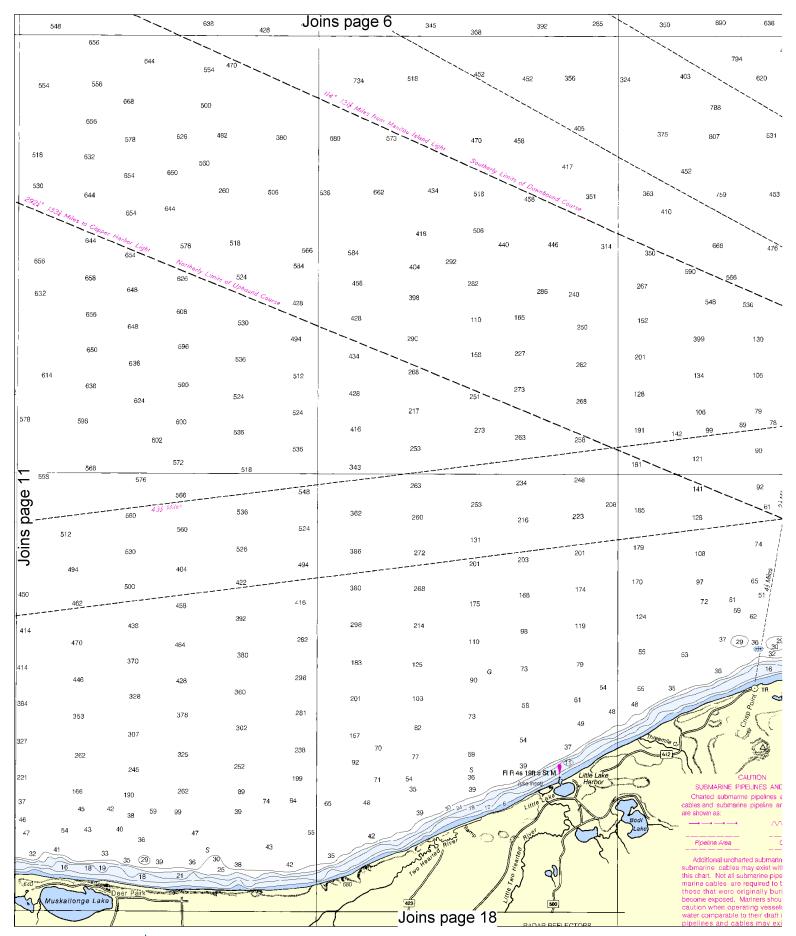






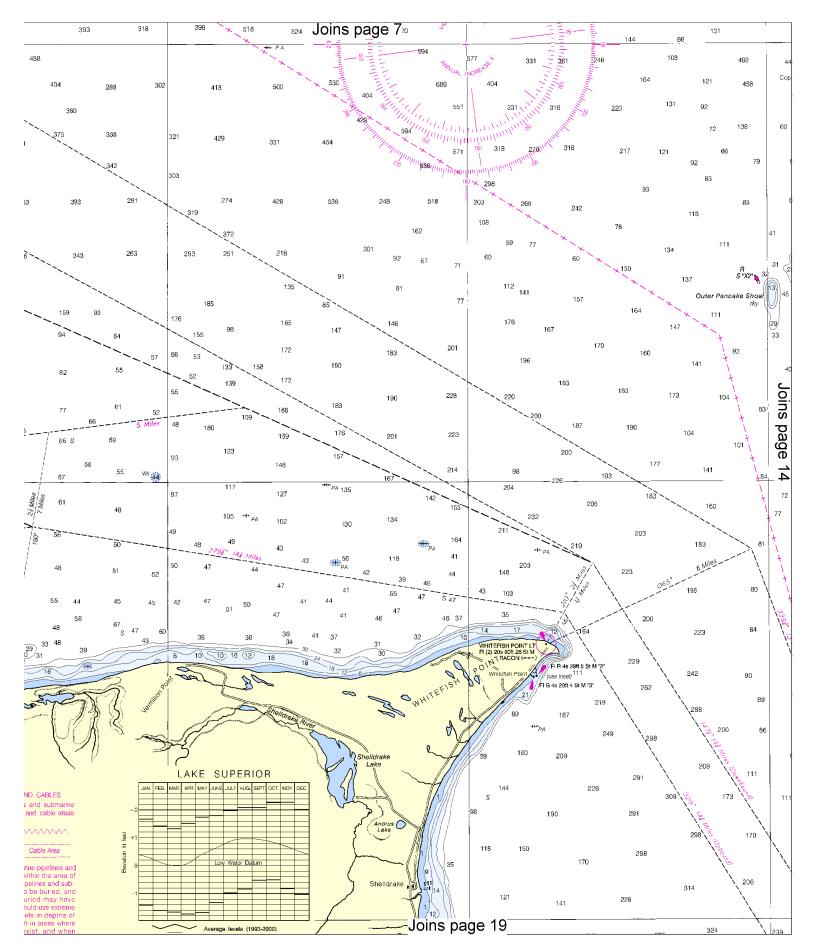


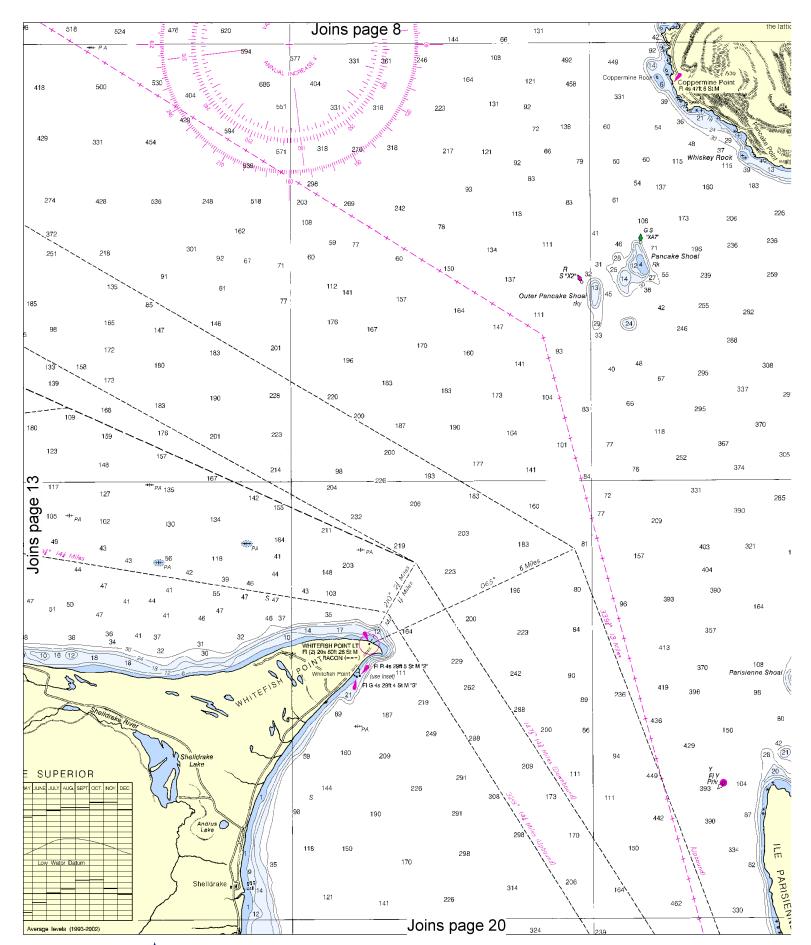






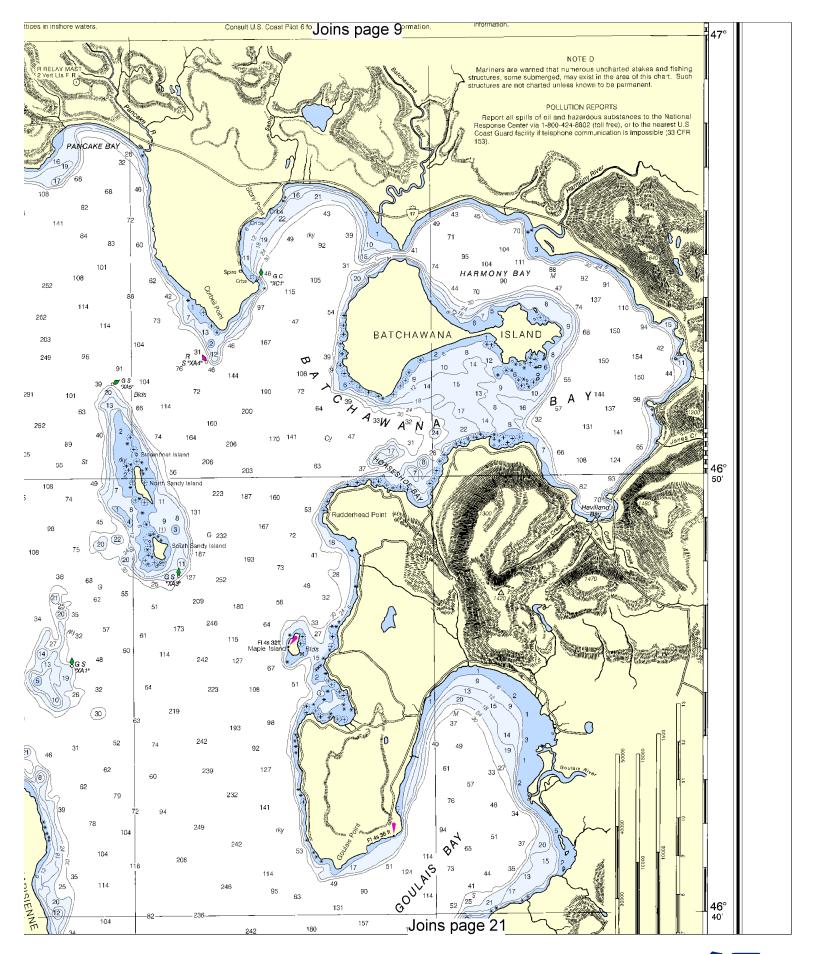


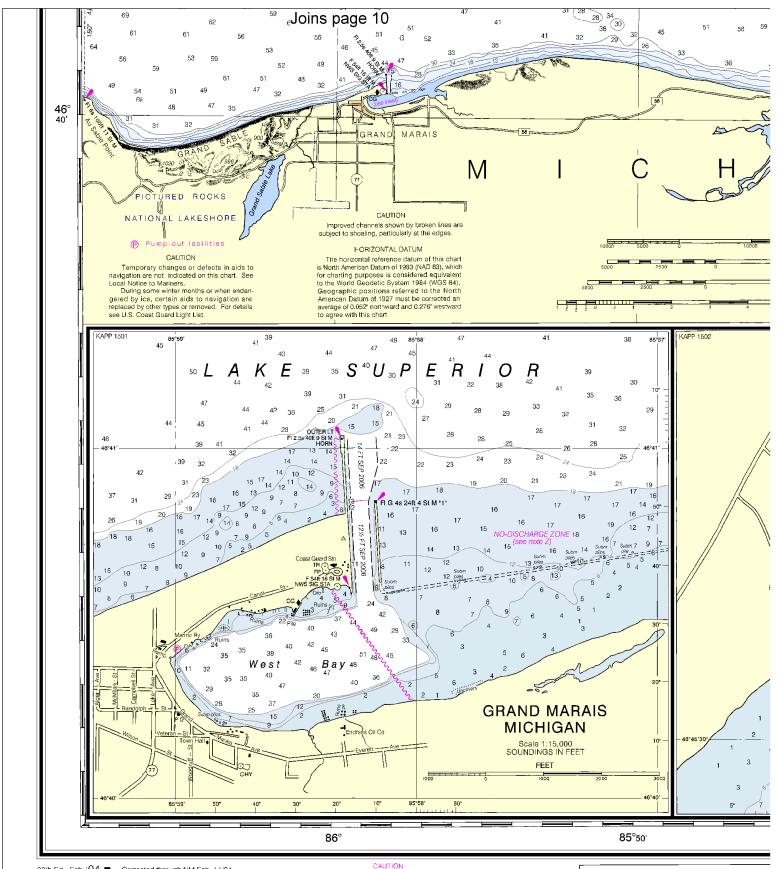












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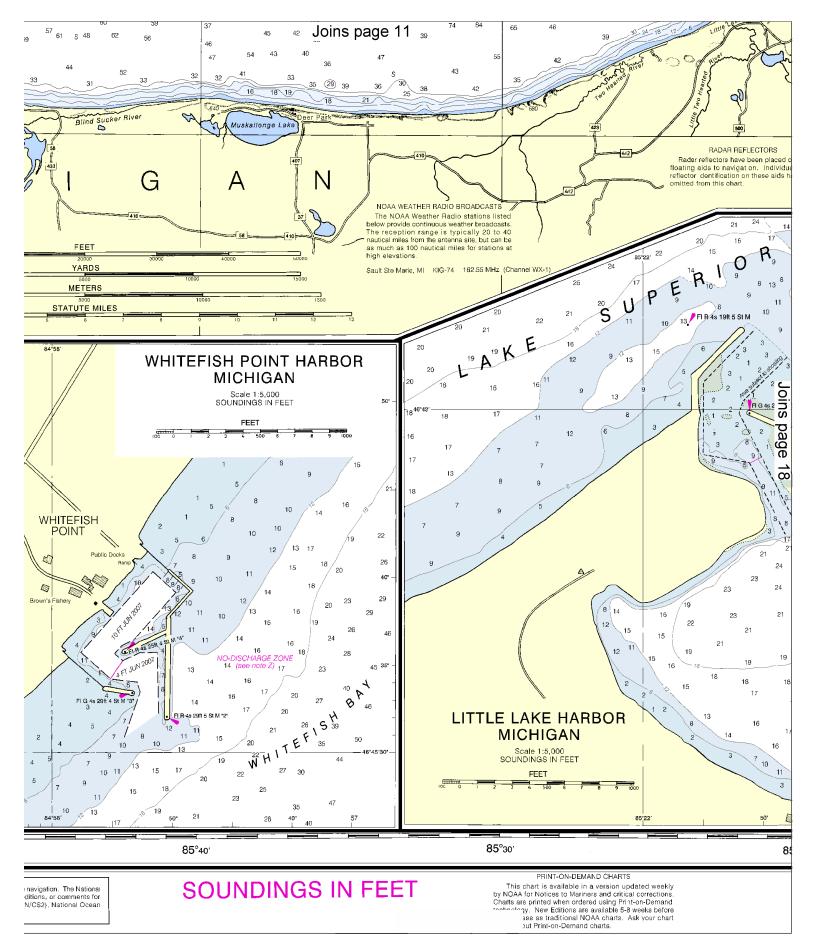
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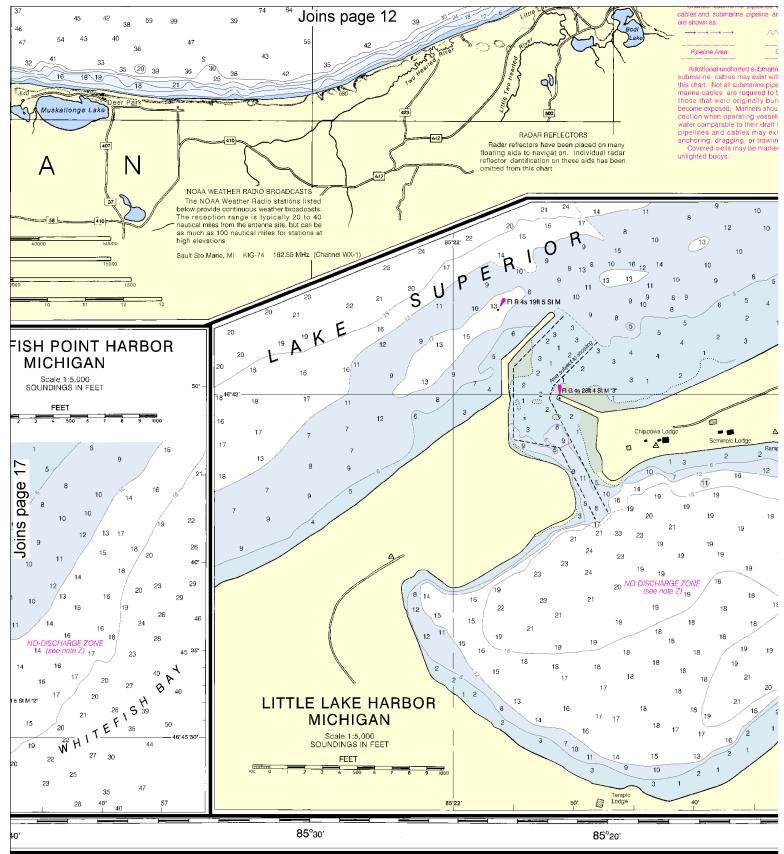
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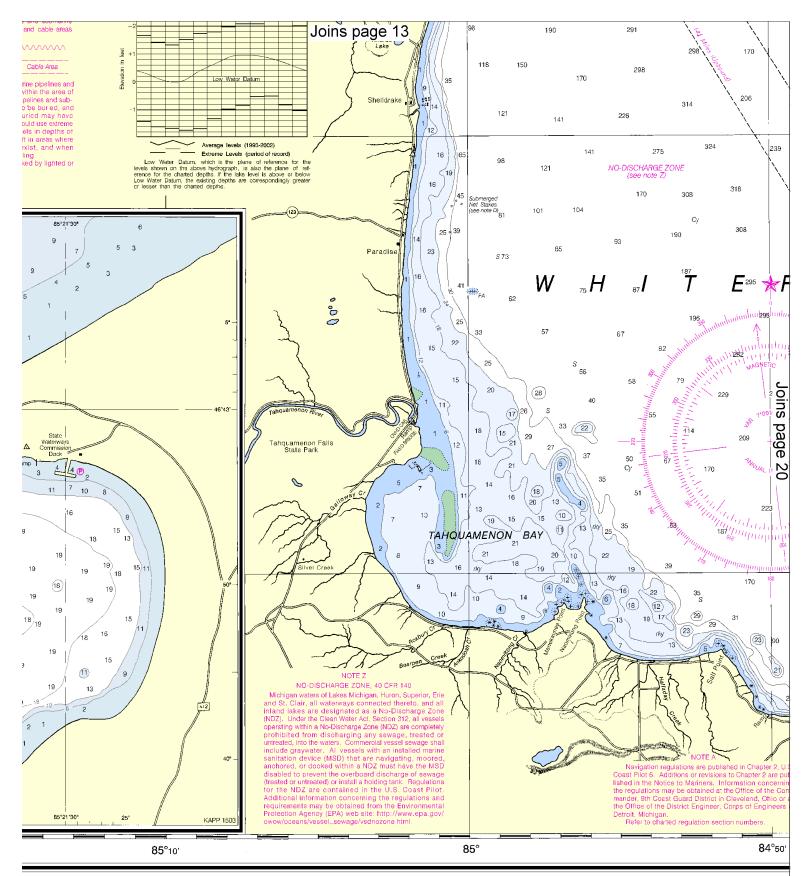
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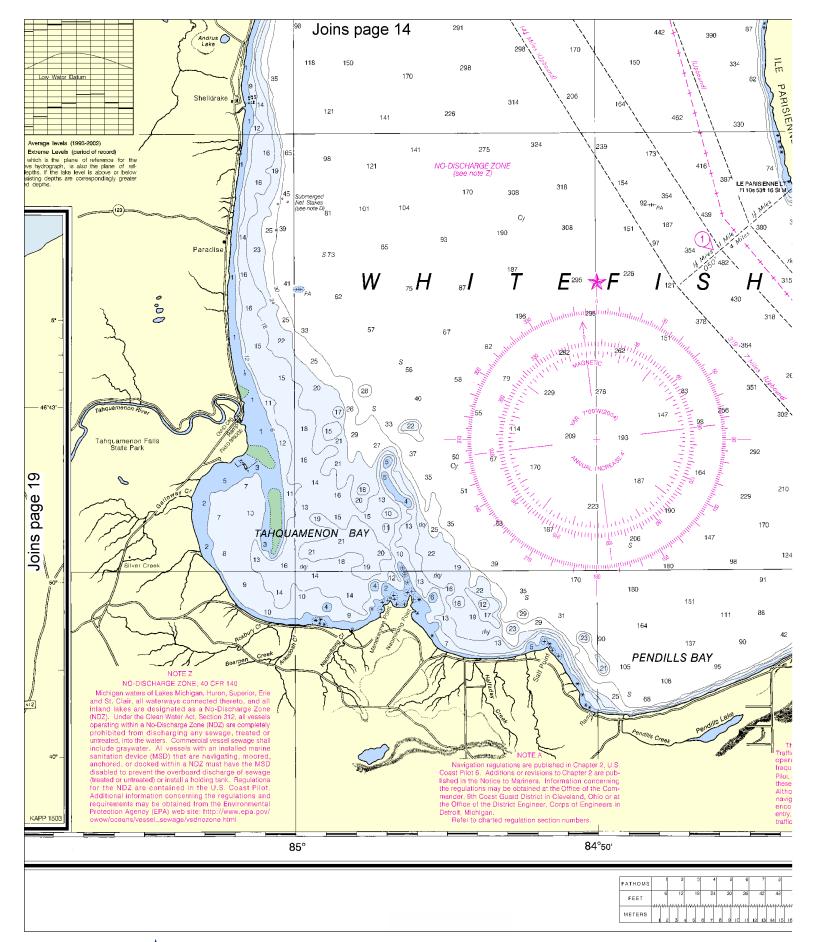
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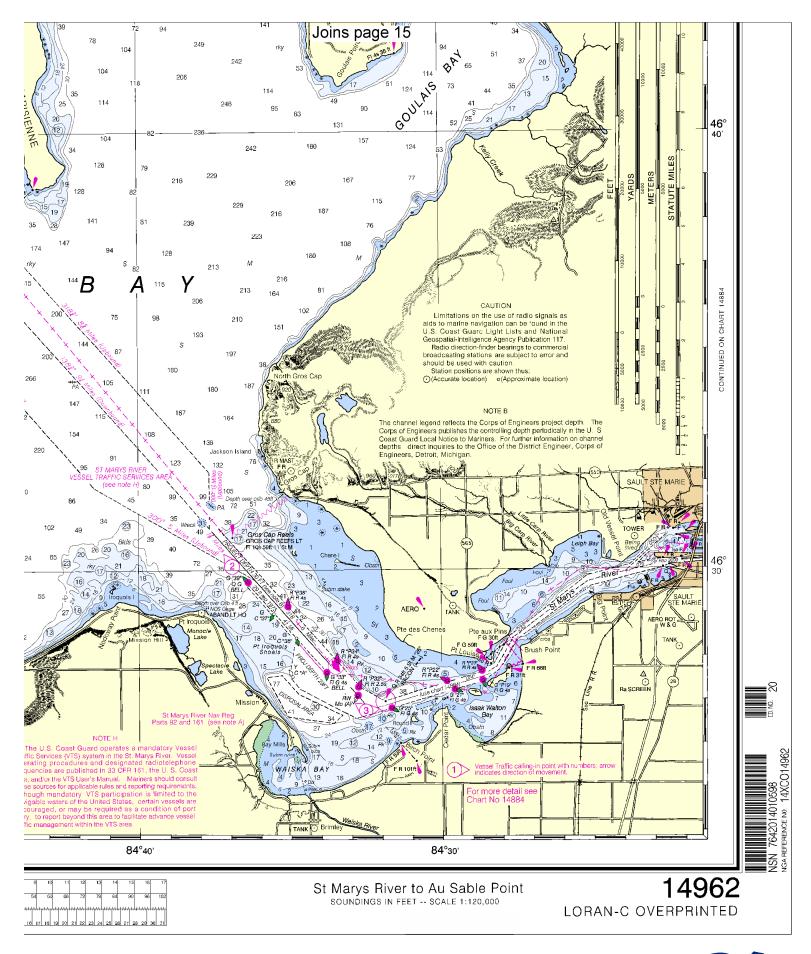




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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC) – 216-902-6117

Coast Guard S & R (Sault Ste Marie) – 906-635-3230 **Canadian Coast Guard (RCC Trenton)** – 1-800-267-7270 or 613-965-3870

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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